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Jesus-Shaped Neighbors (Matthew 22:39)

KICK OFF QUESTIONS

- *If your neighborhood had a mascot, what would it be?*
- *What images or thoughts come to mind when you hear the words evangelize and convert?*

READ & REFLECT Matthew 22:37-39

- Can someone truly love their neighbor without first loving God? Why or why not?
 - How did Pastor Neil explain the connection between loving God and loving people?
- List the ways in which Jesus demonstrated His love. Which ones impact you the most?
- What fears or frustrations make it difficult for you to love people well or to share the good news of Jesus with those around you?
 - What might those barriers reveal about what you need from God right now?

READ & REFLECT Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3:9, Luke 19:1-10

- What do these passages tell you about God's plan for His people to be a blessing to those around us?
- Jesus's nickname was "friend of sinners" (Matthew 11:16-19). What changes might you need to make to be known as a friend of sinners?
- Record the names of the individuals that you would like to BLESS with the love of Jesus. Spend time praying for these people with the Life Group friend next to you.

RESPOND

- How did Jesus see the masses of people? (Matt 9:36-38)
- Is it possible that God has prepared you to offer a glimmer of hope to those individuals on your list, and to those you have yet to meet?
- What does God want you to know as you partner with Him and your Life Group to B.L.E.S.S. others?

"To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."